

KING OSCAR
ON DEATH-BEDSweden's Ruler is Nearing
the End of Life

MOMENTARILY EXPECTED

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To-day—Head of Church
Urgently Summoned.

Stockholm, Sweden, Dec. 7.—King Oscar II of Sweden is lying at the point of death, and the end is momentarily expected. Heart trouble began to manifest itself last night and at times during the morning his majesty was but partly conscious. Later in the day the pastor promissory, or head of the church in Sweden, was urgently summoned to the king's bedside.

King Oscar is in his 79th year, having been born January 21, 1829, the son of Oscar I. He was married in 1857 to the Princess Sophia of Nassau. Four sons were born to him, the eldest being Crown Prince Gustavus, born in 1858.

DRISCOLL IS ALIVE
BUT STILL VERY LOWSecond Victim of Madman Steele Passed
a Fairly Comfortable Night—Still
On Dangerous List.

Boston, Dec. 7.—Dennis Driscoll, the labor leader who was shot by John Steele, a madman, Thursday, passed a fairly comfortable night. His physicians do not admit that he has a chance for life. He is still on the dangerous list.

Gov. Guild yesterday held a conference with Dr. Owen Copp, secretary of the state board of insanity. Afterward Dr. Copp said, when asked if Steele was on parole from the Danvers institution: "That is a mistake. Steele was discharged from the institution by the superintendent, it being understood that he was to visit his relatives. He could have been returned at any time at the request of these relatives, or at his own request."

"He had all the rights and privileges of any other citizen while at large, and there is no reason why the state police should not take him into court, in order that his condition may be determined by the courts."

"Steele had a delusion that he was not getting his rights, and he came up here to get them, bringing the revolver to enforce his demands."

AUREL BATONYI'S
SAFE BLOWN OPENPolice Investigating Charges That It
Was Done With His Wife's
Approval.

Newport, Dec. 7.—The police here yesterday investigating a complaint that the private safe of Aurel Batonyi at the Two-mile farm, where he had been living until the beginning of last September with his wife, Mrs. Burke-Roché Batonyi, millionaire Frank Work's daughter, who is now suing him for divorce, had been blown open.

Clarke Burdick, Mr. Batonyi's legal representative, called the attention of the police to the circumstance, and asked that they ascertain whether the safe had been rifled, and if so, to what extent.

KILLED BY EXPRESS TRAIN.

Unknown Man Struck Near North
Pownal.

Williamstown, Mass., Dec. 7.—An unknown man was instantly killed on the B. & M. railroad yesterday afternoon at North Pownal, Vt., by the Boston express No. 225 on the big curve a mile east of the North Pownal depot. He is about 30 years of age and well dressed. No one in the community knew him and the body was taken in charge by the board of selectmen.

CHICAGO PROBABLY.

For Place of Next Republican National
Convention.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—When the Republican national committee assembled today for the second day of session, indications pointed to the selection of Chicago as the place of the convention. Frank O. Lovden, chief of the Chicago boosters expressed absolute confidence of success.

PETTIBONE JURY COMPLETE.

He Will Now Be Tried for the Murder
of Governor Steuben.

Boise, Ida., Dec. 7.—The jury to hear the case against George A. Pettibone, charged with the murder of former Governor Steuben, was completed late yesterday afternoon.

Profit and Loss.

"What's your husband doing now?" asked the neighbor.

"Oh, he's sitting around telling what is going to happen next election," answered the busy woman.

"Then he's a prophet?"

"No, he isn't. So far as this family is concerned, he is a dead loss."—Washington Star.

All Due to Peter or Pan Out.

First Man—We have eleven kittens at our house, and I've named them all Peter Pan.

Second Man—How's that?

First Man—They are never going to grow up.—Brooklyn Life.

"LOVED HIM TOO MUCH."

So She Couldn't Say Anything Against
Him.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Weeping hysterically and crying almost at the top of her voice that she was not the murderer of Street Car Conductor Kishner, Mrs. Nellie Osborn, who took the stand in her own defense yesterday afternoon, was taken from the supreme court by court attendants, after she had been questioned for a short time by her own attorney. Her counsel had asked her about her quarrel with Kishner on the night of the murder. She replied: "I can't tell anything against that man, I loved him too much."

Her attorney told her that she might as well answer his questions, because the district attorney would question her on the same thing. She reiterated that she could not answer, and when Mr. McInerney asked, "Did he choke you?" she seemed to experience a spasm of emotion and almost screamed: "I cannot say anything against him."

Previous to the scene by the defendant, she had denied that she ever threatened against Kishner; contradicted the entire 1926 testimony of Mrs. Sager, regarding the alleged threat and as to trips to the lake, told by Mrs. Sager.

Dr. Buck of St. Mary's hospital, a witness in the case, attended Mrs. Osborn.

THREE SPEECHES A NIGHT.

Delivered By William J. Bryan in Illi-
nois Campaign.

Freeport, Ill., Dec. 7.—Wm. J. Bryan opened his Illinois campaign for the Democratic platform last night in two rousing speeches delivered between mass meetings and later at a banquet at which nearly 700 prominent Northern Illinois Democrats assembled.

Mr. Bryan spoke on the "Vindication of the Democratic platform since 1896." The Republican party, said Mr. Bryan, has been steadily falling from popularity and today but one man can win the presidency, one who will have to break away from precedent and accept a third term and one who has only gained his popularity by taking for his banner planks from the Democratic platform.

He pointed out that the present financial stringency was the result of turning down Democracy's bi-metallic issue and declared that trusts, tariff and labor arbitration problems were being solved according to the lines embraced in Democratic platforms.

FEAR A TRAGEDY.

Believe That Insane Mother Killed Her
Two Children.

Brockton, Mass., Dec. 7.—Somewhere in the woods in or around this city the police now believe, are the bodies of Mary Grace and Thomas Ball, children of Mr. and Mrs. John Ball, 26 Holbrook avenue, the theory being that they were murdered by their insane mother during her mad flight of the past four days.

Mrs. Ball was committed to the Taunton insane asylum yesterday afternoon, after an examination by Medical Examiner A. E. Paine and Dr. W. L. Hallett.

She disappeared from her home Monday morning. Shortly after the house was discovered to be in flames. She went to the Winthrop school, not far off, took her daughter, aged 9, and son, aged 7, from the rooms where they were attending, and went away.

Monday afternoon the mother and the two little ones were by the children of Mr. and Mrs. William Perry, 687 Monticello street. The mother was leading them north. Since then no one has seen them, and the most unflinching search by the local police force, City Marshal Kingman assigning his entire detective squad to the task, has turned up not the slightest clue to their whereabouts.

TAFT JUST SAILING.

He Expects to Arrive Home About De-
cember 18.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—The war department received a cablegram from Secretary Taft at Hamburg which says: "Just sailing; expect to arrive December 18."

PLAINFIELD.

D. D. Lamb of East Calais was in
town Tuesday.

F. L. Farnham was in Barre Tuesday on business.

Eli Mills of Orange was in town the last of the week.

Mrs. Susie Renfrew was in East Calais Tuesday on business.

H. H. Stickney of Boston was in town Wednesday on business.

Mrs. Carr of Marshfield was in town Friday calling on friends.

Miss Ella Gale spent several days in Barre and Montpelier this week.

Mrs. Theron Peery went to Orange Friday to visit her mother, Mrs. Mills.

Mrs. Elmer Comstock is teaching school in the Bolles district on Maple Hill.

Mrs. Joseph Bartlett entertained a few of her friends Friday afternoon at a quilting party.

R. B. Battles of Montpelier and Miss Gertrude Goodrich of Hardwick were in town Tuesday.

E. J. Colby was in Granville Sunday to visit Henry Waldo who is ill with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Flood of St. Johnsbury are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Flood.

Mrs. George Benjamin of Montpelier is spending a few days with her parents Mr. and Mrs. George Bolles.

Mrs. I. P. Chase taught the grammar school Monday as Miss Susie Atkins was at home in Cabot with her mother who was ill.

Raymond Page entertained about fifty friends and schoolmates Thursday evening, he being his twenty-first birthday. He was presented a sum of money besides other gifts. Those present reported a very pleasant evening.

About thirty-five young people gathered at the home of Miss Julia Martin Tuesday evening to assist her in celebrating her fifteenth birthday. The evening was pleasantly spent with music and games. Refreshments were served. Miss Julia was presented a sum of money besides many other useful gifts.

BODIES TORN
AND CRUSHEDFearful Scenes Encountered
By Explorers

OF WRECKED COAL MINES

They Are Bringing Bodies of Several
Hundred Victims of Yesterday's
Catastrophe to the Surface of
the Ground.

Fairmount, West Va., Dec. 7.—Twenty-six bodies had been taken from the Monongah coal mines where the great explosion occurred yesterday, at 3 a. m. Rescue parties have thus far come upon between 75 and 100 corpses in the two mines. Most of them were crushed under such a weight of timbers and coal and earth that it was impossible to extricate them without loss of time. It is established that at least 425 men were in the mines at the time of the explosion. There is little doubt that fully 400 men lost their lives. Although the fire has been out since midnight the shafts are filled with smoke and gas.

Up to ten o'clock 125 bodies had been taken from the mines and the rescuing parties report many others in sight, which they will get, inside of a few hours in No. 8 shaft. In No. 8 mine, the rescuers are just getting fairly started, as the toxic gases there are worse than in No. 6.

There is much speculation as to the cause of the explosion, but the most generally accepted theory is that it resulted from black damp, scientifically known as methane. It is believed that a miner attempted to set the black damp, which blew out and ignited the coal dust, a highly inflammable substance found in greater or less quantities in all West Virginia mines.

However, all explanations of the cause up to this time are necessarily speculative. Only a thorough investigation after the mine is reopened will disclose the cause, if it is ever ascertained.

The explosion affected both mines, and so far as is known, appears to have done about as much damage in one as in the other. It has not been established in which mine it originated. Evidencing the terrible force of the concussion, props in the entry of No. 6 mine, supporting the roof, were not only shattered and torn from their positions, but were blown out of the entry and to the opposite side of the river. Other evidence of the awful force is seen in every section of the mine that has been reached by the rescuers. Huge quantities of coal and rock have been loosened and buried into every opening, and all the underground structure is wrecked beyond semblance of its original shape.

The entry of No. 6 mine, 300 feet from the mouth, is piled high with the wreckage of two strings of cars and two electric motors. Some of the rescuers have climbed over this and found dead bodies beyond, but have made no attempt to remove these to the surface, partly because it would be almost impossible to carry the bodies over the debris, but more because the men were so exhausted in order not to frighten the animal and sent for Mr. Ingram, who is a crack shot. He and Mr. Frost and Mr. Johnson followed the trail about 10 miles yesterday and overtook the buck late in the afternoon.

The buck was two years old and very poor. About 10 inches of the right hind leg was gone, probably having been shot off in the open season. Mr. Frost notified State fish and game commissioner H. G. Thomas of Stowe last night, and is holding the venison for orders from him.

GETTING EVIDENCE.

Attorney E. W. Taft Secures Deposition
to Be Used in Slander Suit.

Burlington, Dec. 7.—The deposition of Mrs. Almida Morrow was taken yesterday morning at the Chittenden county court house before Judge John H. Lyon of Chittenden. Mrs. Morrow is about to leave the state and the deposition was taken for the purpose of securing her testimony to be used in the slander suits brought by Russell W. Taft against F. C. Gillette and C. C. Gillette, now pending in county court, and to be used with other evidence in the event of a retrial in the Taft divorce proceedings.

The suits of Mr. Taft against the Gillettes are based in part upon statements made involving Mr. Taft and his stenographer, Miss Jessie Gilley, who, it was claimed, were together in the Taft office on the night of June 13, 1903. Mrs. Morrow's deposition was to the effect that on the June night in question she went to Mr. Taft's office to consult him professionally.

She said the main office was in darkness, but there was a light in Mr. Taft's private office, where her consultation with him took place. She said she was there from about 8:45 to 9:30 and saw no one in the office besides Mr. Taft. She says her memory on these points is refreshed from a review of entries in her diary. It is claimed that the description of the woman alleged to have been present with Mr. Taft coincides with the manner of Mrs. Morrow's attire and appearance.

At yesterday's hearing, Mr. Taft was represented by V. A. Ballard. T. E. Hopkins appeared for the Gillettes.

WHAT A HEAVINESS WAS THERE!

Both Before and After the Fat Men Par-
took of Annual Banquet.

Wells River, Dec. 7.—Hale's Tavern was the scene for the heavyweights last night, when over 100 of the members of the New England Fat Men's club gathered at the annual meeting and banquet. The club was organized in 1896, and J. E. Robinson of Concord, N. H., was chosen its president. Each of the New England states was given a vice-president. Vermont being represented by Geo. B. Allen of Burlington. Harry E. Parker of Bradford was selected secretary, and Jerome Hale of Wells River was chosen treasurer. Twelve new members were received into membership, making the total membership 864.

After a game banquet with music by Dodge's orchestra of St. Johnsbury, the Rev. J. A. Belanger of Wells River tapped for order and the speeches were made by the president and the vice-presidents. Toasts were responded to by J. E. Ripley of Burlington, H. N. Coon of Boston, Arthur F. Stone of St. Johnsbury, R. F. McHugh of Fitchburg, Mass., the Rev. Dr. E. C. Morse of Bradford, A. C. Manson of Boston and the Hon. Frank Plimley of Northfield.

KILLS CRIPPLED DEER.

State Game Commissioner at Brattle-
boro Has Killed.

Brattleboro, Dec. 7.—W. S. Ingram of this village shot a three-legged buck yesterday in the northern part of the town, near Marlboro, at the request of County Warden Russell Frost. The buck was driven dead. The men who were hunting for it were from the town from Marlboro Wednesday by dogs.

Mr. Frost was notified and he and Edward Johnson and David Miller found the trail in the snow yesterday and followed it until they sighted the buck. The men were in the woods in order not to frighten the animal and sent for Mr. Ingram, who is a crack shot. He and Mr. Frost and Mr. Johnson followed the trail about 10 miles yesterday and overtook the buck late in the afternoon.

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RETURN WELL PLEASED.

Champlain Tercentenary Commission
Reports Progress at Washington.

Essex Junction, Dec. 7.—Lynn M. Hayes, secretary of the Lake Champlain Tercentenary commission of Vermont, returned last night from Washington, D. C. Walter H. Crockett, the other member of the commission who visited the capital, will arrive at his home in St. Albans today.

Both are enthusiastic over the reception given them in Washington and are feeling that with the state department seeking to interest France and Canada and Great Britain, there is every reason for hoping that these three countries will be well represented at the celebration in July, 1909.

BALDWIN'S BOUT.

Clearly Outpointed Bert Keyes at
Waterbury, Conn., Last Night.

Waterbury, Conn., Dec. 7.—Matty Baldwin of Boston, clearly outpointed Bert Keyes of Philadelphia in their twelve round bout before the National Athletic club of this city, here last night. Both men were in fine condition and met at 133 pounds. From the outset Baldwin seemed to have the advantage, hitting Keyes' head and body almost at will and had him sweating and force behind his blows would probably have scored a knockout. Although fighting sharply Keyes was unable to reach Baldwin, who stopped his blows easily and returned stiff lefts and rights which rocked the Philadelphia boy.

CUT APPLE PRICES.

Vermont Farmers Hit Hard by Financial
Stringency.

Burlington, Dec. 7.—R. H. Smith of Charlotte has shipped 75 cars of apples from Chittenden, Grand Isle and Addison counties this fall, the ruling price being \$8 per barrel. About \$15,000 was paid to the farmers in this section through this source.

When the financial stringency first made itself felt, the buyers were obliged to cut the prices in half, and as a result the bulk of the crop has not been sold, farmers placing their apples in cold storage for a more favorable market.

OLD BUT STILL ACTIVE.

Rev. Mr. Segwick of Middlebury Was
98 Years Old Yesterday.

Middlebury, Dec. 7.—T. H. Rev. Mr. Segwick of this town was 98 years old yesterday. He is in fairly good health, but suffers from rheumatism at times. He is a regular attendant at church, and takes part in the exercises being able to read ordinary print without glasses. Every day he writes in his journal which he has kept for about 50 years. He has written several volumes and is nearing the 300 mark in marriages performed, all of them in his own town except six. He has officiated at five marriages during the past year.

TOWN HALL
DESTROYEDClinton, Mass., Had Disas-
trous Fire To-day

LOSS IS OVER \$100,000

Vault Containing Records Is Intact, and
It Is Believed That They Are
Safe—Fire Was Out at
9:30 O'clock.

Clinton, Mass., Dec. 7.—The town hall was totally destroyed by fire of unknown origin which broke out at 5 o'clock this morning. The loss is over \$100,000. The vault containing the records remained intact and it is believed that all the books and papers will be saved. The fire was out at 9:30.

BOY SUFFERS MANY BURNS.

He Puffs a Cigarette at a Gasoline
Tank.

Wakefield, Mass., Dec. 7.—Silvio Canale, aged 16, had a narrow escape from being fatally injured yesterday afternoon through his carelessness in smoking a cigarette near a tank of gasoline.

Just before dark he was sent to draw some gasoline from a tank at the shop of the local-lined iron pipe company and on the way lit a cigarette. The cigarette set fire to the gasoline in the tank, and Canale's clothes were set on fire. Before any of the other employees could reach him after hearing his screams, he was badly burned about the hands and arms and on the legs from the hips down to the knees.

A still alarm was sent in as the burning oil threatened to set fire to the building. Canale was taken to his home on Water street. The doctor said the boy is severely burned, but will probably recover, as he did not inhale the flames.

TO PRESERVE HOTEL.

Old Mt. Killington House Near Rutland
May Be Repaired.

Rutland, Dec. 7.—There is a movement on foot to save the old hotel on Mt. Killington from utter destruction and to provide entertainment for the many persons who climb the mountain every year. For the last few years the old hotel has been closed, the windows boarded up and the place inhabited only by hordes of hedgehogs. M. E. Wheeler, the present owner, says he would be one of 10 of the business men of Rutland to repair the hotel and the road, keeping a place where people could be entertained by friends and where transients could get something to eat if wanted. He will give these men a lease of the property and himself.

BURNED MIDNIGHT ELECTRICITY.

City Council Waded Into The Revised
Ordinances For Third Time.

The city council, at its third meeting on the revision of the city ordinances last night burned the midnight electricity until a late hour and when the members stretched their legs to go home, somewhere between eleven and twelve o'clock, it was found that they had gone over fourteen of the 39 chapters of the revised document. Another meeting for the same purpose will be held Monday evening.

CONTRACT ASSURED.

Bennington Man Will Wire The Federal
Building in Montpelier.

The contract for wiring the federal building in Montpelier was today awarded to E. E. Larabee of Bennington for \$2,909.20.

Seven candidates took examinations at the Montpelier federal building today for positions of carrier on the two new rural routes running out of Warren.

JAIL WELL KEPT.

Was Opinion of Pauly Jail Man of
Washington County Building.

A. S. Meserve, representing the Pauly Jail company, finished work at the Washington county jail today and left for his next assignment. He said that he had never seen a better-kept jail than this institution in Montpelier.

Taken as Vagrants to Richmond.

Burlington, Dec. 7.—Sheriff James H. Allen went to Essex Junction last evening and met three prisoners, who had been committed to the county jail from Richmond to serve not less than two nor more than three months for vagrancy. The names of the men are Frank Coleman, Daniel Hart and Edward Kelley. Charges of larceny have been preferred against the latter two and the charges will be pressed at the expiration of their terms of sentence.

TALK OF THE TOWN

S. Hollister Jackson returned yesterday from a business trip to Boston. The Young Women's Tourist club will meet with Mrs. Anker, Monday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock.

The Clover club will meet with Mrs. M. I. Towne, Tuesday, December 10. All those wishing to go in the big team will meet at Mrs. Conner's at 10:45.

Among arrivals at the City hotel last evening and to-day are J. H. Grow, Hartford; Edward Thomas, Chelsea; W. F. Hunt, H. E. Parker, H. C. Hawthorne, Burlington; F. E. E. Worthing, Washington; Charles E. Barnes, Boston; John Gray, Everett, Mass.

PRESENTS LIBRARY
TO ALDRICH TRUSTEESBarre Library Association About to Lay
Down the Work Which It Has As-
sumed for Many Years—Annual
Meeting Yesterday Afternoon.

The annual meeting of the Barre Library association was held yesterday afternoon at the library rooms on Elm street, at which quite a number of majorities were considered. The association has had the conduct of the library in its charge for many years, and is now just about ready to lay down the work. All its books have been turned over to the trustees of the Aldrich library and will be placed in the new building as soon as it is completed. The association gave the books without restriction. It is understood that the books now out will be called in soon and be catalogued.

The association still has a little fund in its treasury, and there are some other matters to settle up, so the old board of officers was chosen to direct the closing up of affairs. Mrs. Miss Carrie Whipple, president; Mrs. Henry A. Phelps, secretary and treasurer. The customary election of a librarian was, of course, dispensed with, as the books have been turned over to the Aldrich trustees. Mrs. L. L. Boyce has been librarian for the association and for the French Barre library for many years.

BARGAIN COUNTER RUSH.

Fairly Swamped The Ladies of The Con-
gregational Church.

The sale and chicken pie supper held by the ladies of the Congregational church yesterday afternoon and last evening met with genuine success. The vestry was filled with people during the afternoon, who had by evening fairly cleaned the ladies' bargain counters of fancy aprons and other fancy articles, home made preserves, vegetables and candies, so that during the evening the ladies had very little left to sell. At the chicken pie supper, which began at 5:30, over 300 people were served. An excellent supper was served, the menu being as follows: chicken pie, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, cabbage salad, rolls, cake and coffee.

"HIBERNATE" IN MONTEPIER.

The Sporting Writer in The Boston
Herald Wrote in Today's Issue.

Young Chandler Ball, who is expected to hold up his end as a regular catcher for the Boston Nationals, will hibernate for a time at Montpelier, Vt. Ball played on the Montpelier-Barre team in the Northern league several years ago and made many warm friends in the capital of the Green Mountain state. I saw the promising youngster before he went north yesterday, and he told me that the index finger of his throwing hand, which he injured at the close of last season, still bothers him. He ought to consult expert advice, otherwise that finger may handicap his throwing.

SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL.

King's Daughters of Presbyterian Church
Were Entertainers.

The King's Daughters of the Presbyterian church held a successful and enjoyable social at the church vestry last evening and nearly 200 paid admissions made the affair successful financially. The evening was passed in the usual way, the old and the young joining in the fun, at the conclusion of which the company was entertained by a vocal solo by Miss Rachel Young, a violin solo by Albert Scott and a vocal solo by Miss Marguerite Sherris. Refreshments were served during the evening.

SECOND SERIES SCHEDULE.

For the Interfraternity Cribbage League
to Begin Next Tuesday.

The schedule for the second series of the Interfraternity cribbage league is announced as follows:

Tuesday, Dec. 10, C. O. F. and M. U.; Donald McLeod, referee.

Wednesday, Dec. 11, C. G. and R. M.; Charles Oliver, referee.

Tuesday, Dec. 17, C. O. F. and R. M.; John Murray, referee.

Thursday, Dec. 19, C. G. and M. U.; Robert Davidson, referee.

Tuesday, Jan. 7, M. U. and R. M.; Alex. Henderson, referee.

Wednesday, Jan. 8, C. G. and C. O. F.; Angus McDonald, referee.

WILL TRY TO HOLD IT.

Dr. Burr of Montpelier Will Meet All
Comers for Shooting Trophy.

The Montpelier Gun club and the Dog River Gun club of Northfield are holding the final in a series of five shoots for a loving cup this afternoon at the grounds of the Montpelier club near Barre Transfer. Several challenges for the individual county championship have been received by Dr. C. H. Burr of Montpelier, who has held that cup for several years. He will make a strenuous effort to still retain it, and will gladly meet all competitors.

Montpelier Golf Trophies Awarded.

The members of the Montpelier Country club enjoyed a dinner at the club house last evening, after which the golf cups were awarded. The president's cup, given by J. G. Brown for the best tournament score for the season went to Clarence E. Moulton. Richard Cutler awarded the vice-president's cup given by Col. O. D. Clark, while Hartshorn F. Leslie took the cup for the lowest break score on tournament days. The championship cup, a beautiful piece of work, went to E. D. Field.

Not Going to Lead Whittier Orchestra.

Editor Barre Times: I wish to correct the statement in yesterday's Times in regard to my leading the Whittier orchestra. It was put in without my authority, as I am not going to lead any orchestra but my own.

Edwin W. Bruce.

THEY SMELLED
BIG MYSTERYVisions of Another "Suit
Case" Murder Arose

BEFORE MONTEPIER FOLK

A Trunk, Inoffensive Looking, Was De-
clared to Contain Body of Child—
It Really Held Only Some Un-
washed Clothes.

Again has man's sense of smell raised a terrible to-do and kept police officers, state's attorney and others scurrying in the dead of night to ferret out the mystery raised by this wonderful power. It happened in Montpelier. Time, two a. m. today. Immediate action a trunk in the Central Vermont station.

Now this trunk, inoffensive enough on the outside, rested near a radiator. As the steam began to pass through the radiator, a small began to arise from the trunk. Worse and worse it grew. Foul and foul grew the steam. At length one of the men couldn't stand it any longer and, picking up the now offending trunk, carried it to free air, there to do its worst. While carrying it out, he remarked: "I guess there's a dead baby inside."

There's where the trouble began really. A bystander took the remark too seriously. He was, moreover, gifted with the gossip spirit. He passed it along to the next one. He to the next. And so on. When the report got to police headquarters it had the full earmarks of a Boston "suit-case" mystery, with the trunk packed with blood and the body of a murdered child lying on the inside. The hotels were crowded with the mystery. It went everywhere. Patrolman Pat McAvoy heard it. He investigated and smelled a mystery likewise.